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SUBJECT: EC/SOVIET RELATIONS - USSR ACCEPTS INTERIM
EURATOM SAFEGUARDS FOR RWE/RUSSIAN ENRICHMENT DEAL.

1. DURING SEPT 3 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, PABSCH
(DEPUTY CHIEF - FOREIGN ATOMIC ENERGY DEPT) INFORMED
US THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET AND RWE (RHINE-
WESTPHALIA ELECTRIC) WERE NEARING COMPLETION ON
AGREEMENT ON ENRICHMENT FOLLOWING THIRD ROUND
OF TALKS HELD IN AUG IN MOSCOW. IT IS EXPECTED THAT
REMAINING ISSUES WILL BE IRONED OUT IN THE COURSE
OF THIS MONTH. FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON PLANS TO
INFORM DEPT ON DETAILS THIS WEEK.

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2. PABSCH SAID HE WISHED TO INFORM US IMMEDIATELY

ON ONE PARTICULARLY INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT. IN THE INITIAL TALKS WITH RWE, PABSCH SAID THE SOVIETS HAD INSISTED ON IAEA SAFEGUARDS FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD UNTIL RATIFICATION OF THE EURATOM/IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT, ARGUING THAT THE INTERREGNUM AHEAD COULD LAST SOME TIME AND RECALLING THE PROVISIONS OF THE NPT. IN THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS AT MOSCOW, HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS AGREED TO SUPPLY MATERIAL UNDER EURATOM SAFEGUARDS UNTIL THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO FORCE. (CONFIRMS EC BRUSSELS 4965).

3. GIVEN EARLIER HIGH LEVEL SOVIET OBJECTIONS IN WASHINGTON, PABSCH BELIEVES SOVIET READINESS TO ACCEPT INTERIM EURATOM SAFEGUARDS INDICATES STRONG SOVIET WISH FOR THE SALE. HE BELIEVES THIS ALSO CONSTITUTES A FURTHER SIGN OF DEFACTO SOVIET RECOGNITION OF THE EC AND INDICATES SOVIET JUDGEMENT THAT NPT RATIFICATION IS ON THE RAILS AND SO NEED NOT BE UNDULY PRESSED.
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